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## Guidance

# Changes to GCSEs, AS and A levels that will affect each current school year group

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This document gives an overview of the changes that will happen to GCSEs, AS levels and A levels. Go to the heading for your child's current year group (for the academic year that started in September 2014) to see what the changes will be for them.

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# 1.

## Year 12

### 1.1 September 2015

Students will start learning new AS levels and A levels in:

- art and design
- biology
- business
- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

### 1.2 Summer 2016

Students have the opportunity to take new AS level exams in:

- art and design
- biology
- business
- chemistry

- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

## 1.3 Summer 2017

Students will take exams for new AS and A levels in:

- art and design
- biology
- business
- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

## Year 11

# 2.

## 2.1 September 2016

As well as the subjects in section 1.2, students will be taught new AS levels and A levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

## 2.2 November 2016

November resits in GCSE maths, English and English language happen for the last time.

## 2.3 Summer 2017

Students will take exams for new AS levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance

- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

## 2.4 Summer 2018

Students will take exams for new A levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

# 3.

## Year 10

### 3.1 September 2015

Students currently will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- English language

- English literature
- maths

## **3.2 Summer 2017**

Students will take exams for new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- English literature
- English language
- maths

## **3.3 September 2017**

As well as the subjects in sections 1.2 and 2.1, students will be taught new AS and A levels in:

- accounting
- ancient history
- archaeology
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- electronics
- environmental science
- film studies
- further maths
- general studies
- geology
- government and politics
- history of art
- information and communications technology (ICT)

- law
- maths
- media studies
- music technology
- philosophy
- statistics

## **3.4 November 2017**

Students get the chance to take resit exams for new GCSEs in English language and maths.

## **3.5 Summer 2018**

Students take exams for new AS levels in:

- accounting
- ancient history
- archaeology
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- electronics
- environmental science
- film studies
- further maths
- general studies
- geology
- government and politics
- history of art
- information and communications technology (ICT)

- law
- maths
- media studies
- music technology
- philosophy
- statistics

## 3.6 Summer 2019

Students take exams for new A levels in:

- accounting
- ancient history
- archaeology
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- electronics
- environmental science
- film studies
- further maths
- general studies
- geology
- government and politics
- history of art
- information and communications technology (ICT)
- law
- maths
- media studies
- music technology
- philosophy
- statistics



# 4.

## Year 9

### 4.1 September 2016

As well as the subjects in section 3.1, students will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient languages
- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- citizenship studies
- computer science
- dance
- double science
- drama
- food preparation and nutrition
- geography
- history
- modern foreign languages
- music
- physical education
- physics
- religious studies

### 4.2 Summer 2018

Students will take exams for new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient languages
- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- citizenship studies
- computer science
- dance
- double science
- drama
- food preparation and nutrition
- geography
- history
- modern foreign languages
- music
- physical education
- physics
- religious studies

# 5.

## Year 8

### 5.1 September 2017

As well as the subjects in sections 3.1 and 4.1, students will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient history
- astronomy
- business

- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- economics
- electronics
- engineering
- film studies
- geology
- information and communications technology (ICT)
- media studies
- psychology
- sociology
- statistics

## 5.2 Summer 2019

Students will take exams for new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient history
- astronomy
- business
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- economics
- electronics
- engineering
- film studies
- geology
- information and communications technology (ICT)
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